



LOVING HANDS



The Manos de Cristo Newsletter
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YOUR ROYAL INVITATION

QUEEN OF HEARTS BALL

Manos de Cristo's Queen of Hearts Ball will be a wonderful way to spend Valentine's Day away from the crowds.

Please join us **February 15, 2008** at the Omni

Hotel Downtown. There will be an incredible dinner, spectacular live auction and our featured musical guest, **The Sophisticates** are sure to impress. From the dessert buffet to the candy bar, the evening

should have a little something for everyone. Please contact us via email at fdevelopment@manosdecristo.org to make your reservation today. **\$100 per person.**

Queen of Hearts Ball
benefiting Manos de Cristo

HELPFUL HANDS

Volunteers Needed for Charity Marathon

On **Sunday, February 17**, Manos de Cristo will participate in the **26 Miles for 26 Charities Marathon Sponsored by AT&T**. Hundreds of non-profits applied and we were one of the lucky ones that was chosen. 26 Miles for 26 Charities will provide Central Texas non-profits with the opportunity to advance community awareness while raising money to support their mission. Organizers hope this program will allow many local non-profits to raise needed dollars to benefit their organization. The goal will be for Central Texas non-profits to collectively raise **\$2.6 million** during the first year. If you would like to volunteer or run the marathon, please contact Victoria at fdevelopment@manosdecristo.org for more information.

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Christmas Families Program

Our Annual Christmas Families Program was bigger and better than ever! Many programs throughout our community provide toys to their clients during the holidays; at Manos, we were afraid that many of our clients were going without a Christmas meal. We were able to match **over 119** families for adoption this holiday season more than tripling our usual 28 families. Each family received

a basket filled with all the necessary items for a beautiful holiday meal, including a ham or turkey and each child was given a toy, game, or article of clothing and in some cases all three. The response from the community was amazing. The program served **over 650** people. **THANK YOU** to all of our donors for helping us do more than we thought possible!

Happy Anniversary!

Manos de Cristo is celebrating its 20th Anniversary this year!

Please stay tuned for upcoming events as we commemorate this milestone in Manos' history.



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